



Social Determinants of Health in Older Adults Stacie Levine MD

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Objectives

- Describe key socio-economic factors that play a role in health outcomes in older Americans.
- Define clinical practice strategies that can screen for important social determinants and integrate resources into practice settings.
- Describe how clinician leaders can improve social determinants in the communities where they live and practice.



Social Determinants of Health (WHO 2012)

"the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age," which are "shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources."

Population Health

Social determinants of health and the \$1.7 trillion opportunity to slash spending

The potential to harness this data to both make people healthier and help hospitals and payers save money is enormous.



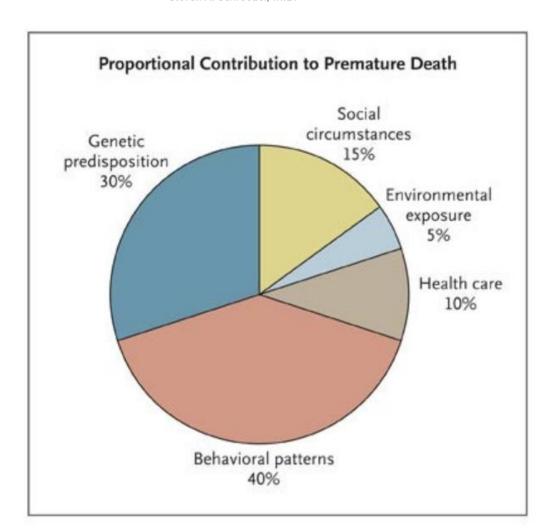


90% of health is determined by factors outside of the health system

SPECIAL ARTICLE SHATTUCK LECTURE

We Can Do Better — Improving the Health of the American People

Steven A. Schroeder, M.D.





Chicago's south side: steeped in culture and history





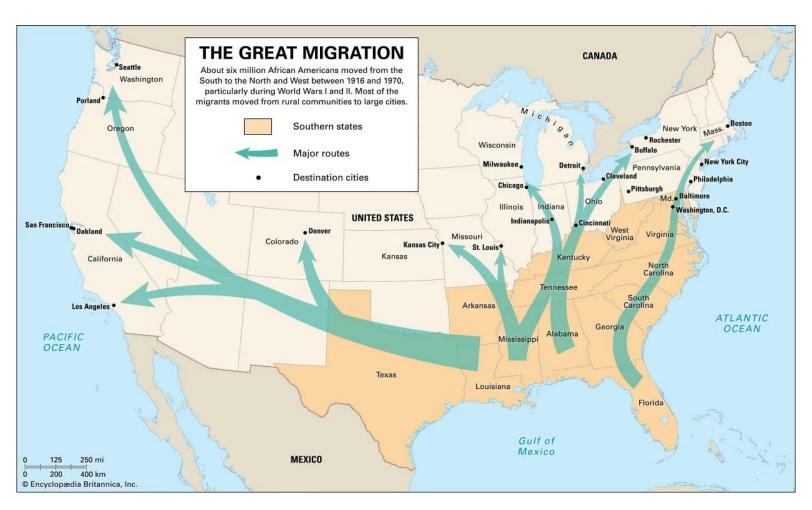








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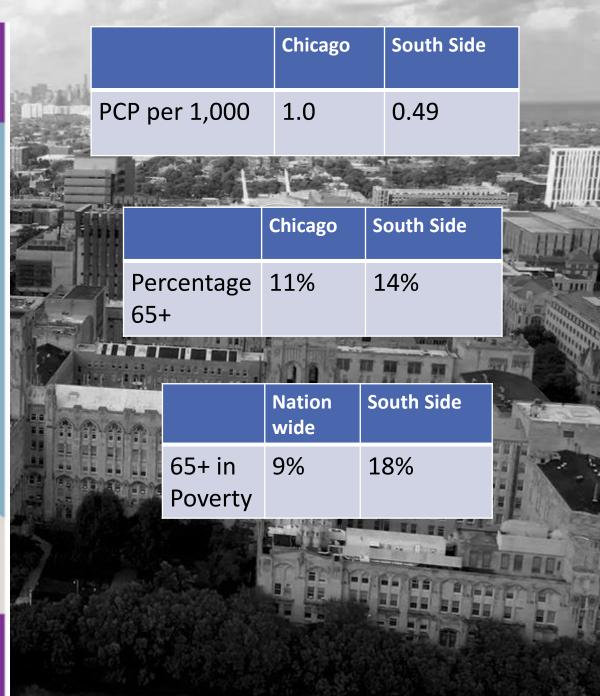


















Mr. T's story

(2006-2021)







- High school graduation
- Enrollment in higher education
- Language & Literacy
- Early childhood education
 - Poverty
 - Employment Economic
 - Food Security
 - Housing stability

Social Determinants of Health



Social and

Community Context

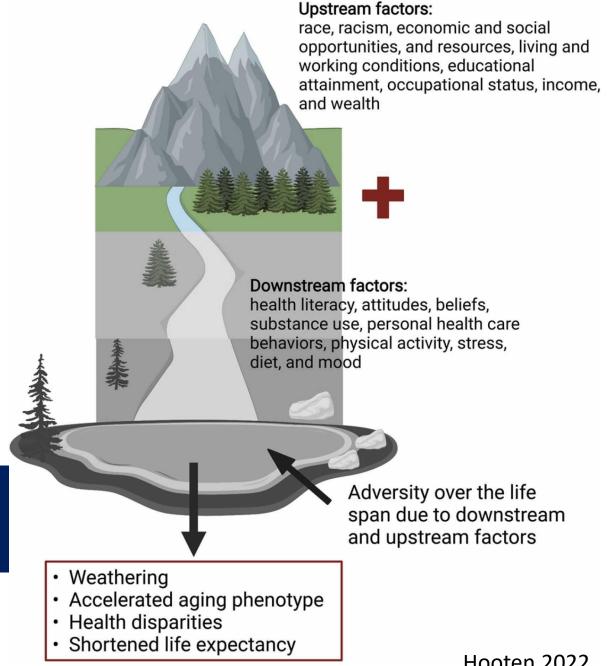
- Access to health
- Access to primary care
- Health literacy

- Access to healthy foods
- Quality of housing
- Crime & violence
- Environmental conditions

- Social cohesion
- Civic participation
- Perceptions of discrimination & equality
- Incarceration

Upstream and downstream determinants of health influence outcomes over the lifespan

"Weathering" The physical consequences of social disadvantage





Social determinants of health in older age

Article · January 2009

DOI: 10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198565895.003.13

"The most consistent relationship among studies in the US is that educational attainment is inversely related to physical disability in older age in both cross-sectional and longitudinal studies"

(after adjusting for baseline function and other socioeconomic indicators)





AARP Foundation

National representative survey 1600 adults, > age 50

One unmet social need: 50% Two or more unmet social needs: 28%

Loneliness 22%
Food insecurity 16%
Inadequate transportation 12%
Strained financial resources 23%
Living alone 22%





The SDH cascade

Lack of mobility



Trouble with transportation



Loss of social connectedness Food insecurity

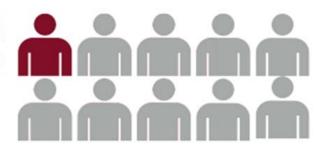
Transportation sometimes or often a challenge

6.4 out of 10 are food insecure



Transportation never a challenge

1 out of 10 are food insecure

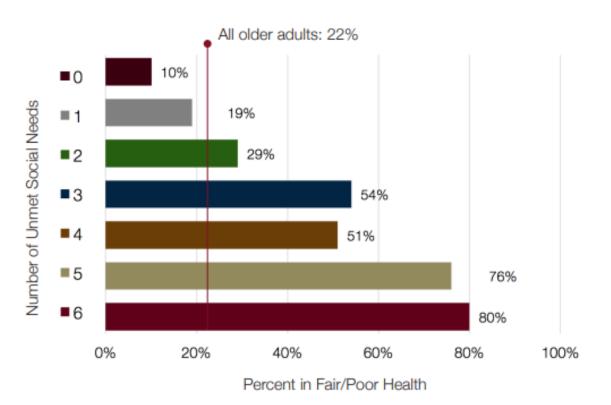






Cumulative increase in social needs leads to higher selfreported poor health

Exhibit 2. Fair/Poor Health Status among Older Adults by Number of Unmet Social Needs (n=1,590)







Social engagement, loneliness and dementia risk

Journal of Alzheimer's Disease 66 (2018) 1619–1633 DOI 10.3233/JAD-180439 IOS Press

The Association between Social Engagement, Loneliness, and Risk of Dementia: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Sydney, Australia

31 cohort, 2 case-control studies >2.3 million subjects

Increased dementia risk associated with:

Poor social network (RR 1.59, CI 1.31-1.96) Poor social support (RR 1.28, CI 1.01-1.62)

Good social engagement modestly protective

Loneliness non-significantly associated with increased risk



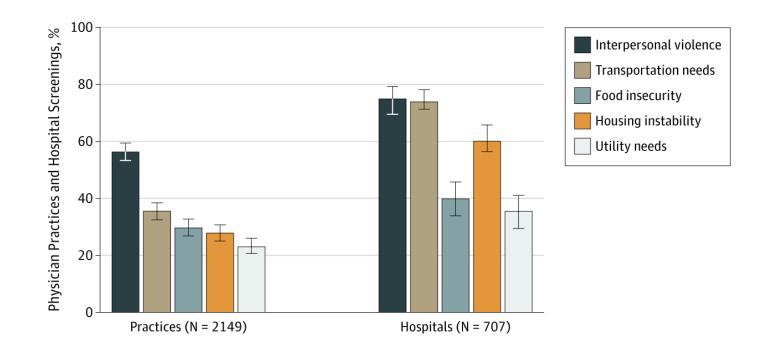
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Prevalence of Screening for Food Insecurity, Housing Instability, Utility Needs, Transportation Needs, and Interpersonal Violence by US Physician Practices and Hospitals

JAMA Netw Open. 2019;2(9):e1911514. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2019.11514

33% of US clinical practices are not screening for SDH







Challenges to screening for SDH

- Required staff training, turnover
- Workflow optimization
- Z codes rarely used in billing (Z55-65)
 - Z 55.5 Less than high school diploma
 - Z58.6 Inadequate drinking supply
 - Z59.00 Homelessness unspecified
- Uncertain ability to address
- Unclear if patient wants an intervention
- Fear of stigmatization of patient



Standardized screening tools for SDH: PRAPARE

Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patient Assets, Risks, and Experiences

PRAPARE Overview

Nationally standardized and stakeholder-driven, the Protocol for Responding to & Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks & Experiences (PRAPARE) is designed to equip healthcare and their community partners to better understand and act on individuals' social determinants of health (SDOH). PRAPARE, when paired with the Implementation and Action Toolkit, empowers users to leverage data to improve health equity at the individual, community, and systems levels.

LEARN MORE >

Download the PRAPARE Screening Tool

PRAPARE is now translated into over **25 languages** so you can connect with the diverse communities you serve!

SELECT A LANGUAGE





PRAPARE®: Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patient Assets. Risks. and Experiences Paper Version of PRAPARE® for Implementation as of September 2, 2016

Core domains

- Personal characteristics
- 2) Family and home
- 3) Money and resources
- Social and emotional health

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Yes	No	Food	Yes	No	Clothing	
Yes	No	Utilities Yes No Child Care				
Yes	No	Medicine or Any Health Care (Medical,				
		Dental, Mental Health, Vision)				
Yes	No	Phone Yes No Other (please				
		write):				
	I choose not to answer this question					

15. Has lack of transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work, or from getting things needed for daily living? Check all that apply.

Yes, it has kept me from medical appointments
or
Yes, it has kept me from non-medical meetings, appointments, work, or from getting things that I need
No
I choose not to answer this question

Social and Emotional Health

16. How often do you see or talk to people that you care about and feel close to? (For example: talking to friends on the phone, visiting friends or family, going to church or club meetings)

	Less than once a		1 or 2 times a week				
	3 to 5 times a week		5 or more times a				
	I choose not to answer this question						

17. Stress is when someone feels tense, nervous, anxious, or can't sleep at night because their mind is troubled. How stressed are you?

l	Not at all	A little bit
l	Somewhat	Quite a bit
	Very much	I choose not to answer this question

Optional Additional Questions

18. In the past year, have you spent more than 2 nights in a row in a jail, prison, detention center, or juvenile correctional facility?

l	Yes	No	I choose not to answer	
l			this	

19. Are you a refugee?

this		Yes		No		I choose not to answer this
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20. Do you feel physically and emotionally safe where you currently live?

	Yes	No		Unsure		
	I choose not to answer this question					

21. In the past year, have you been afraid of your partner or ex-partner?

Yes		No		Unsure	
I have not had a partner in the past year					
I choose not to answer this question					
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The Accountable Health Communities Health-Related Social Needs Screening Tool

Living Situation

	hat is your living situation today? ³ I have a steady place to live I have a place to live today, but I am worried about losing it in the future I do not have a steady place to live (I am temporarily staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, abandoned building, bus or train station, or in a park)
	ink about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following?4
	Pests such as bugs, ants, or mice
	Mold
	Lead paint or pipes
	Lack of heat
	Oven or stove not working
	Smoke detectors missing or not working
	Water leaks

Food

Some people have made the following statements about their food situation. Please answer whether the statements were OFTEN, SOMETIMES, or NEVER true for you and your household in the last 12 months. ⁵

- 3. Within the past 12 months, you worried that your food would run out before you got money to buy more.
 - □ Often true

□ None of the above





EHR Capture of SDH

Review Social Determinants





Aug 10 2022: Not on file



Not on file

Transportation Needs 7

Not on file

Stress *

Not on file

Intimate Partner Violence 🗸

Not on file

Housing Stability 7

Not on file



🛾 Alcohol Use 🏞

Not on file



Not on file

Physical Activity *

Not on file

Social Connections 7

Not on file

Depression 7

Oct 28 2021: Not at risk



Social Connections In a typical week, how many times do you talk on the phone with family, friends, or neighbors? Never Once a week Twice a week Three times a week More than three times a week Patient refused How often do you get together with friends or relatives? Never Once a week Twice a week Three times a week More than three times a week Patient refused How often do you attend church or religious services? Never 1 to 4 times per year | More than 4 times per year | Patient refused Do you belong to any clubs or organizations such as church groups, unions, fraternal or athletic groups, or school groups? Yes No Patient refused How often do you attend meetings of the clubs or organizations you belong to? Never 1 to 4 times per year | More than 4 times per year | Patient refused Are you married, widowed, divorced, separated, never married, or living with a partner?

Financial Resource Strain

How hard is it for you to pay for the very basics like food, housing, medical care, and heating?

Married Widowed Divorced Separated Never married Living with partner Patient refused

Very hard Hard Somewhat hard Not very hard Not hard at all Patient refused



Overcoming barriers



ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Culture Health **Equity**

UNDERSTAND PATIENT'S COMMUNITIES

LEARN HOW SDOH WORK

ADDRESS IMPLICIT BIAS

EMPOWERED HEALTH CARE TEAM

IMPROVE HEALTH LITERACY



Understand your community

Figure 5. Tell us what you think are the 5 most important health problems in the area where you live for Seniors (65 years and up).

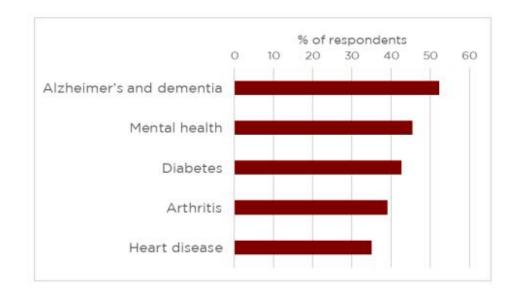
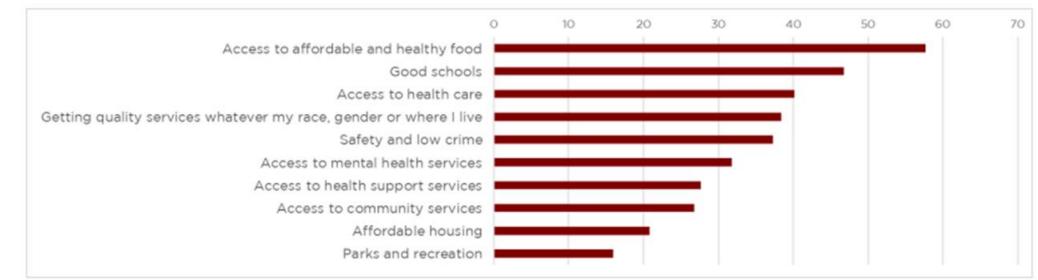




Figure 6. What do you think are the most important things for a healthy community?







Data Sets are available to assess SDH at the local level

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Economy		
Employment		
Education	Components and Indicators	Data Sources and Notes
Political	1. Income	
Environmental	A. Earned income 1. Median and per capita annual income	Census Bureau (www.census.gov).
Housing	Mean hourly and annual wage	Bureau of Labor Statistics (stat.bls.gov/oes/home.htm). Data by occupation available in downloadable Excel files.
Medical	3. Hourly wage, union, and nonunion workers	Union Membership and Earnings Data Book
Governmental		(www.bna.com/bnaplus/labor/laborrpts.html). Separate tables for public and private sector workers and for manufacturing and nonmanufacturing workers.
Public Health		Customized reports available for any or all years since 1983.
Psychosocial	4. Per capita personal income	Bureau of Economic Analysis (www.bea.doc.gov/bea/regional/reis).
Behavioral		Downloadable compressed comma-separated-value files.
Transport	B. Disposable income	Domestic II C A
	Median and per capita Effective Buying Index	Demographics U.S.A (www.tradedimensions.com/p_demographics.html). Effective Buying Index represents money income minus taxes. Data available on CD-ROM.
	C. Income distribution	

1. Gini coefficient of income inequality;

Census Bureau (www.census.gov).

90%ile/10%ile ratio.



Empower and engage the healthcare team

Ambulatory Care Coordination Team (ACCT)

Identification of "at risk" patients

Direct provider referral

High utilizer lists (inc. ER)



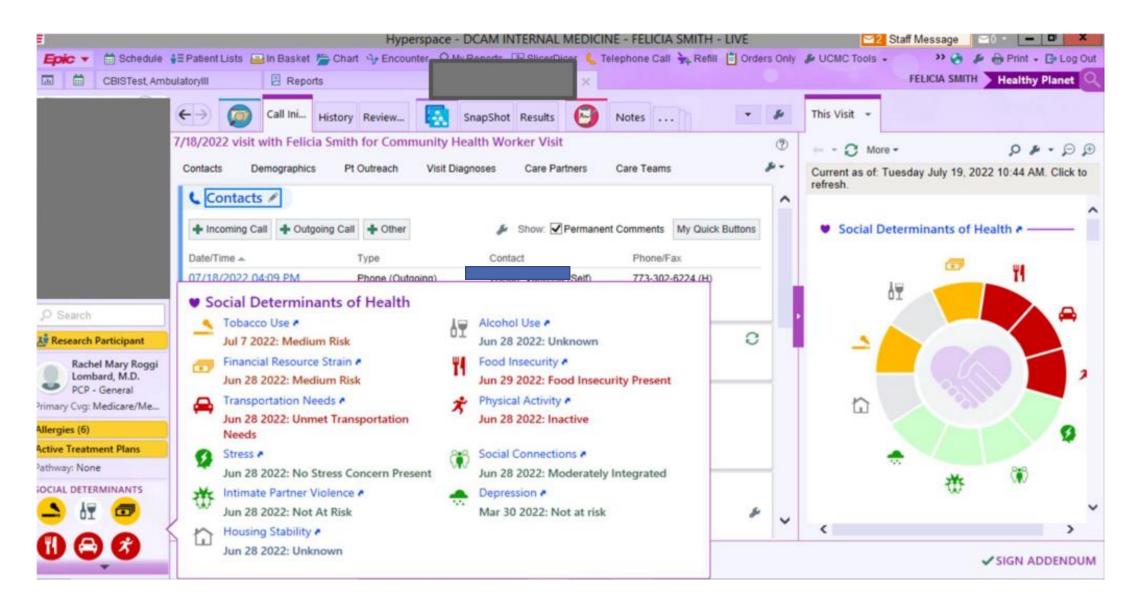
Patient PING/Bamboo Health

Medicare annual wellness visits





Document and track in the EHR



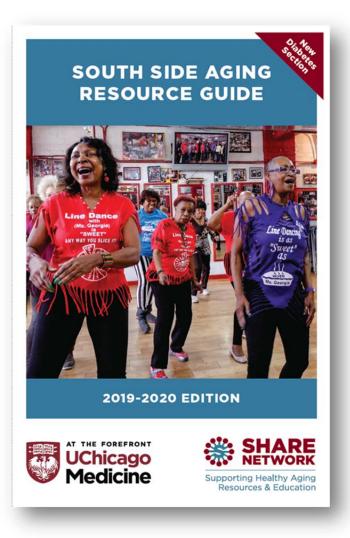
Interventions: Social prescribing





neighborhood navigator







Interventions: Meal programs

Reduce food insecurity, isolation, loneliness and depression and improve diet quality



More Than A Meal? A Randomized Control Trial Comparing the Effects of Home-Delivered Meals Programs on Participants' Feelings of Loneliness

Kali S. Thomas, 1,2 Ucheoma Akobundu, 3 and David Dosa 1,2

¹Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Providence, Rhode Island. ²School of Public Health, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. ³Meals on Wheels America, Arlington, Virginia.

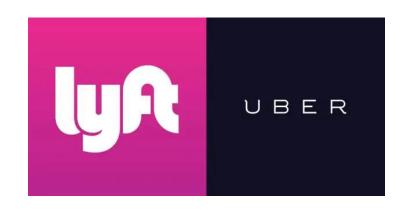
NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT AND STATES

As of March 30, 2020



Interventions: Practice-level











Interventions: Community education





Supporting Healthy Aging Resources & Education

Dr. Katherine Thompson

Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program











Summary

- SDH play a significant role in attaining healthy aging and longevity
- Healthcare systems are increasingly evaluating the impact of and interventions required to treat SDH
- Geriatrics and interdisciplinary primary care practices play an influential role in addressing SDH in population health

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